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MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1268

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co's Steamship
Natal,
Commandant *Such*,
will be despatched for
SHANGHAI TO-MORROW, the 19th
Inst., at 2 p.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 18, 1886. 1592

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co's Steamship
Mentzel,
Commandant *Bessons*,
will be despatched for
Kobe and Yokohama TO-MORROW,
the 19th Instant, at 4 p.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 18, 1886. 1593

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co's Steamship
Diamond,
Capt. McCASLIN, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 21st Instant, at
5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 18, 1886. 1590

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co's Steamship
Mentzel,
Capt. NELSON, will be
despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 21st Instant,
at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 18, 1886. 1588

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Co's Steamship
Thales,
Capt. GODDARD, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 22nd Instant, at
9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 18, 1886. 1595

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received
instructions to Sell by Public Au-
ction, on

TUESDAY,

the 7th September, 1886.—

THE FOLLOWING

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD
PROPERTIES, viz:—

1. THE PIERCE OF GROUND situated on the
Praya, Hongkong, adjoining the Central
Market and abutting on the North
side thereof on the Praya and measuring
thereon 13 feet 4 inches or there-
abouts, on the South side thereof on the
Central Market and measuring thereon
13 feet or thereabouts, on the East
side thereof on Section B of
Marine Lot No. 123 and measuring
thereon 20 feet or thereabouts, and on
the West side thereof on a Public
thoroughfare and measuring thereon 30
feet or thereabouts, which said Premises
are registered in the Land Office as the
Remaining Portion of MARINE LOT
No. 123 and are held for the term of
999 years.
2. THE MESSUAGE or DWELLING
HOUSE, SHOP, and PREMISES
situated and being No. 39, Jervois
Street, Hongkong.
3. THE PIERCE OF GROUND situated in
Gough Street, Hongkong, abutting on
the North side thereof on the portion of
Inland Lot No. 5, and measuring there-
on 135 feet or thereabouts, on the
South side thereof on Gough Street
and measuring thereon 130 feet or
thereabouts, on the East side thereof
on Inland Lot No. 78, and measuring
thereon 85 feet or thereabouts, and on
the West side thereof on portion of
Inland Lot No. 5, and measuring thereon
44 feet or thereabouts, containing in
the whole 8,320 square feet, and being
registered in the Land Office as Section A of INLAND LOT
No. 5.

The Underigned has also received in-
structions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 8th September, 1886, at 2.15 o'clock
p.m., at the Premises,—

THE PIERCE OF GROUND situated at Victoria,
Hongkong, abutting on the North side
thereof on First Street, Sympson, and
measuring thereon 7 feet 8 inches or
thereabouts, on the South side thereof
on Second Street, Sympson, and
measuring thereon 7 feet 6 inches or
thereabouts, on the East side thereof
on Inland Lot No. 630, and measuring
thereon 105 feet or thereabouts, and on
the West side thereof on Section
B of Inland Lot No. 629, and measur-
ing thereon 105 feet or thereabouts
which said Premises are registered in
the Land Office as Section A of IN-
LAND LOT No. 629 and are held for
the term of 999 years.

Also, THE PIERCE OF GROUND situated at
Victoria, Hongkong, abutting on the
North side thereof on First Street,
Sympson, and measuring thereon 22
feet 6 inches or thereabouts, on the
South side thereof on Second Street,
Sympson, and measuring thereon 20
feet 6 inches or thereabouts, on the
East side thereof on Inland Lot
No. 629, and measuring thereon 105
feet or thereabouts, and on the West
side thereof on Section A of Inland
Lot No. 628, and measuring thereon
105 feet or thereabouts, which said
Premises are registered in the Land
Office as the Remaining Portion of
INLAND LOT No. 628, and are held
for the term of 999 years.

All the above Premises will be sold
subject to the existing Lettings and Ten-
ancies thereof.

For further Particulars of the Properties,
and Conditions of Sale, apply to
WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Vendors,

Hongkong;

or to

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, August 14, 1886. 1586

To-day's Advertisements.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenage* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo by her are hereby informed that
their Goods, with the exception of Opium,
are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Underigned, wharf and/or
from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded upon
notice to the contrary be given before Noon
To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
20th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, August 18, 1886. 1587

STEAMSHIP NATAL.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London
and Havre, or Steamship *Medee*,
in connection with the above Steamer,
are hereby informed that their Goods
—with the exception of Opium, Treas-
ure and Valuables—are being landed
and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before 2 p.m. TO-DAY (Wednesday), re-
questing it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Underigned, unless intimation is re-
ceived from the Consignees before 2 p.m.
TO-DAY (Wednesday), requesting it to be
subject to rent, and landing charges at 1
cent per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or
before SATURDAY, the 28th August, or they
will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 18, 1886. 1594

UNION LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Haere*, Captain La-
roche, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Underigned for countersignature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers
and Cargo impeding her discharge will be
at once landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance
will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to
SINGAPORE, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon TO-DAY, the 18th Inst.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Underigned on or before
the 20th Instant, or they will not be re-
cognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 18, 1886. 1591

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 18 1886

Petrolus, British steamer, 1,336, Thomp-
son, Shanghai and Foochow August 11,
General.—**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.**

Medbourne, French steamer, 2,482, De
La Mare, French steamer, 2,455, Such,
Marseilles July 18, Naples, Port Said 24,
Suez 25, Aden 28, Colombo August 4,
Singapore 11, and Saigon 15. Mails and
General.—**MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

Thales, British steamer, 820, F. D. God-
dard, Foochow August 13, Amoy 16, and
Swatow 17, General.—**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP**
Co.

Glenage, British steamer, 1,420, Som-
mer, Amoy August 17, Tea.—**JARDINE,**
MATHESON & Co.

Amoy, for Whampoa.
Sikh, for Sydney.
Polynania, for Shanghai.
Namoa, for Coast Ports.
Japanica, for Madras.
Petrolus, for Singapore and London.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

August 16, 1886.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Position	For equal- isation.	Balance forward	Last Dividend	Closing in London.
BANKS.								
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	50,000	125	125	For equal- isation.	64,000,000	63,800.38	23 div., & 10, bonus 4-year to Dec. 31 '85	171 1/2 prem.
INSURANCES.								
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	200	200	For equal- isation.	800,000	812,339.35	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1884	Tls. 275 per share
Yangtze Insurance Company, Ltd.	8,000	212	212	For equal- isation.	50,000	3,059,761	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1884	Tls. 118
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	235	235	For equal- isation.	375,000	439,039.41	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1884	886
China Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	823.33	823.33	For equal- isation.	600,000	200,773.71	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1884	878
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	250	For equal- isation.	150,000	455,214.43	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1884	885
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited.	1,500	1,000	200	For equal- isation.	28,711.50	2,858.89	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1884	\$180 per share
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	250	For equal- isation.	1,000,000	283,492.50	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1884	\$427 1/2
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	For equal- isation.	500,000	228,811.07	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1884	\$69 per share
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.								
H.K. & M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	100	For equal- isation.	100,000	34,822.05	8 1/2 half year Dec. 31 '85	60 p. prem.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	50	For equal- isation.	86,764.16	402,221.12	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1885	\$53 cash
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	18,327	10	10	For equal- isation.	10	4387.6	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1885	par
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	3,500	100	all	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	25 discount
H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	125	125	For equal- isation.	18,000	6,551.587	8 1/2 half year Dec. 31 '85	\$124 p. prem., cash
H.K. & China Gas Co., Limited.	5,000	10	10	For equal- isation.	9,177.31	1,527.311	10 sh. 8 p. sh. for 1884	\$120 per share
New Shares.	3,900	10	10	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	...
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	3,000	100	100	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	\$300 per share, cash
China Sugar Company, Limited	9,000	100	100	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	\$38 per share
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	25	25	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	\$38 per share
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	600	50	50	For equal- isation.	6,000	680,624.36	...	\$120
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	100	100	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	\$73
Parak Tin Mining & Refining Co., Ltd.	5,000	50	all	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	\$5
Selangore Tin Mining Co. (S'hai)	2,500	100	all	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	nominal
Punjab & Sindh Dugma Samat	40,000	10	5	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	\$44
H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	3,000	50	all	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	7 1/2
H. & M. Glass Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	4,000	50	50	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	First year
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	3,800	100	all	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	372.92
LOANS.								
Chinese Imperial 1881	8,568	500	all	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	...
Chinese Imperial 1882	27,000	500	all	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	...
Chinese Imperial 1883	27,000	500	all	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	...
Chinese Imp. (Ch. Bank Loan) 1885	27,000	500	all	For equal- isation.	...	...	...	...

A. G. STOKES, Share Broker.

CLEARED.

McLaurin, for Cebu.
Valdes, for Amoy.
Abadie, for Hongkong.
Havre, for Shanghai.
Protos, for Hongkong Bay.
Socohou, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Petrolus*, from Shanghai, &c., 10
Chinese.
Per *Medbourne*, from Shanghai, &c., for Hong-
kong; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Smith and servant,
Mr. T. Tioravanti, Mrs. Nickolson, and 2
Chinese; for Singapore, Mr. Flazi, (Italian
Consul), Messrs Lucia Rezzi, Louis Bessi
and John Matthy.

Per *Natal*, for Hongkong: from Mar-
seille, Mr. Craigie-Ross; from Singapore,
Messrs Peter Cartland, Sachverell, Lopley,
G. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, Mr. A. Joo,
Doyen (Private Secretary to M. Constant),
M. Soubart (Secretary of the French
Legation), M. de Comte and Mme. Ja Com-
tesse Walaki, child and servant, M. Con-
stant, 2 children and servant, Mr. and Mrs.
Cahbert and servant, M. Fauvel and M. La
Doyen (Private Secretary to M. Constant).
For Yokohama: from Marseilles, Mr. A.
Dubouy.

Per *Thales*, from Coast Ports, Baron von
Seckendorf, Messrs Capper and Moller, and
74 Chinese.

Per *Glenage*, from Amoy, Capt. Slices,
and 15 Chinese.

Per *Telemachus*, for London, Messrs Jas.
Hughes, Griffiths and Sene.

Per *Amoy*, for Amoy, Messrs C. F.
Shroff, Chow Kim Tai, and 411 Chinese.

Per *Celebes*, for Amoy, 253 Chinese.

Per *Alpine*, for Singapore, Mr. A. G.
Stephen; for Marseilles, Messrs Grun-
del, and Baron von Seckendorf. From
Shanghai, for Singapore, Mr. Finzi, (Italian
Consul), Messrs Lucia Rezzi, Louis Bessi
and John Matthy.

Per *Yokohama*, from Yokohama: for
Marseilles, Messrs E. Ishida, T. Foukuro-
mi, K. Nagaura, K. Tanegouchi and T.
Yamamoto.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For STRAITS and LONDON.—
Per *Glenage*, at noon, on Thursday,
the 19th inst.

For KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Oxfordshire*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday,
the 20th inst.

For HANGKONG.—
Per *Chenard*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday,
the 19th inst.

For NEUCHANG.—
Per *Valdes*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday,
the 21st inst., instead of as previously
notified.

For AMOY and MANILA.—
Per *Diamond*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 21st inst.

For STRAITS and CALCUTTA.—
Per *Winnipeg*, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday,
the 24th inst.

For SINGAPORE and BOMBAY.—
Per *Decan*, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday,
the 25th inst.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Cassandra*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thurs-
day, the 26th inst.

For NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Amoy*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the
28th inst.

MAILS by the FRENCH PACKET

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 11.5 this morning.

In the case of Messrs. Harris, Goodwin, and Co., general merchants of Leadenhall-street, Birmingham, Shanghai, Hongkong, Batavia, Singapore, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, and Christchurch (New Zealand), the accounts have been filed in the Bankruptcy Court in London. They show, on the joint estate, gross liabilities of £109,917 7s. 11d., of which £24,294 18s. 8d. is expected to rank against assets of £29,862 10s. 6d. The failure is attributed to losses on the Java and other branches and to falling markets.

The news received from Cambodia, says *Le Saigon*, is far from being good. The application of the new instructions brought from France by M. Filippini have not as yet produced any satisfactory result. The diminution of the number of posts and residences, and the restoration of King Norodom to the greater part of his old privileges have provoked the acidity of the rebels, who are to-day less timid than ever, and the paternal arrogance of the Court dignitaries, who think nothing of shouting victory on the house tops.

A CRANMAN, named Lui Afco, went on board the *Decora* yesterday while repairs were being made to some of the machinery and quietly put into his pockets three files which were lying on the deck. Fortunately his movements had been observed and just as he was leaving the ship he was put under arrest. On being taken to the station at West Point the Inspector at once recognised him as an old gold bird. He was accused at the Police Court to-day with stealing files belonging to the P. & O. Company, and was sentenced to six months' hard labour with three hours in the stocks on the first and last day of his imprisonment.

The Duke of Northumberland gave a garden party at Syon House on the 15th July, to the Colonial and Indian visitors sojourning in this country for the exhibition. Hongkong (according to the *L. & C. Express*) was represented by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Woodhouse, Sir George and Lady Bowen and Misses Bowen, the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Burdon, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. O'Malley, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bellie. Our contemporary is wrong in including the Bishop of Victoria as being among the representatives of Hongkong, as the Bishop has not been at home for some time past.

BARON von Seekendorff, German Consul at Swatow, arrived here this morning in the steamer *Thales*, for the purpose, we believe, of proceeding home to-morrow in the *Melbourne* on nine months' leave of absence. Before leaving Swatow, where he was exceedingly popular alike with foreigners and natives, the Baron was presented by about 200 of the leading Chinese merchants with a red umbrella as a testimonial of their appreciation for his courtesy and kindness in his dealings with them. The ships in port also dressed ship in honour of the Consul on the day of his departure. Mr. Butler has taken charge of the Consulate.

The first of the steamers built for the new German Mail line has been launched at Stettin from the Vulcan Docks, and has been named the *Preussen*. At a dinner which followed the launch, Herr von Bötticher, Secretary of State, spoke in praise of the success of this branch of German industry, and of German manufactures in general, which, he said, would derive renewed strength from the subsidised lines. 'These lines,' the Minister assured his hearers, 'are, therefore, regarded with anxiety by foreign nations.' Herr von Bötticher concluded by proposing the Manager and Workmen of the Vulcan Works, 'who had shown themselves equal to the English.' In a second toast the same Minister drank to a good understanding between China and Germany.

The following consular appointments have been gazetted:—The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint George Phillips, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Taiwan, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Foo-chow-fu; William Gregory, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Swatow, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Ichang; Thomas Watters, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Tamsui, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Chefoo; Edward Colborne Baker, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Ichang, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Swatow; Herbert Allen Giles, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Shanghai, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Tamsui; and William Richard Carles, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Shanghai. Most of these changes took place some months ago.

After referring to the opening of the new Reading Room at the Sailor's Home here, the *N. C. D. News* remarks:—There was a little too much of that goodly-goddy patronage of poor Jack, which spoils many efforts of this kind. The Bishop of course counselled his hearers not to neglect the Bible among their other reading. Captain Thomsett thought the ordinary conduct of the man was very creditable to him, as if he had expected to find men invited to a tea party spread over by ladies indulging in free fights some the table; while Mr. J. Macgregor gave the table a regular sermon on 'service.' The great mistake made at these so-called philanthropic functions is to treat the sailors as if they were an inferior, ignorant,

and childish lot of people, from whom any display of intelligence and decency of conduct is an unexpected surprise. Another great mistake is to get sailors together on pretence of amusing them and then to preach at them. The Temperance Hall entertainments here were well attended and very successful, while there were in the hands of a lay Committee; but by-and-by some of the missionaries got control of them, and tried to turn the meetings into semi-religious services, and all their usefulness was dissipated. We trust that the Hongkong Seamen's Reading Room, will avoid this rock, but the tone of the opening meeting is none too hopeful.

A MEETING of the General Committee of the Sir Harry Parkes Memorial Fund was held in the Board room of the New Oriental Bank in London on the 13th July, under the presidency of Sir Rutherford Alcock. The report of the Executive Committee stated that communications had been addressed to the several Chambers of Commerce in China and Japan, to which no definite answers had as yet been received. £478.17, however, had been collected in the country, and this had justified the Committee in taking various preliminary steps. They had obtained a site in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral for a bust in close vicinity to similar memorials of distinguished men in art, science and literature, and near the remains of Nelson and Wellington; and they had also obtained from Mr. Bruck, an eminent sculptor, who had distinguished himself by many well-known works of art, a design for a bust in an architectural entablature, with space below for a few lines recording the eminent services of the deceased. This can be estimated at a cost of 250 guineas, with a possible addition for the colouring and erection of the architectural portion, but the whole not to exceed £300. With reference to the surplus, say £180, to the fund now collected, the Committee suggested that it might very fitly be employed in mural tablets or bronzes to be placed in the cathedrals of Hongkong and Shanghai, the scene of his earliest labours, and in the Legation at Tokio, in Japan, where Sir Harry resided as Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for nearly twenty years. The recommendations of the Committee were approved by the meeting.

H. S. S. Martino Lanciare will look after Italian interests in Shanghai till Mr. Y. Finzi, *N. C. D. News*.

H. M. S. Zephyr left Singapore for the Ocoos Islands on the 11th instant, with Mr. A. P. Talbot, the Assistant Colonial Secretary, on board.

FROM Peking, under date the 7th instant, the *Mercury* learns that the beginning of October has been fixed for the ratification of the settlement of the Kwangtung and Tonquin frontier question.

THE *N. C. D. News* understands that on the 10th instant the Japanese Consul closed all the tea houses and other equivalent establishments carried on in the Model Settlement by his country people.

The *Merica* arrived at Shanghai on the 12th instant in company with the *Gilgamesh* from Swatow. The *Merica* had a fractured main shaft and was to go to the Old Dock for repairs.

ACCORDING to the *Strait Times* it is now said that the 2nd Battalion South Lancashire (32nd Field of Wales) Volunteers, now at Natal, will be the regiment which is to relieve The Buffs at Singapore about the end of the year.

A RIFLE match between The Buffs and the Singapore Rifle Association took place on the 7th instant on the Tangle Range. The conditions were 10 men a team, any position and ranges 200, 300, and 600 yards, 7 shots at each. After a close contest The Buffs proved victorious with a narrow majority of 8 points. The average shooting was poor. The Buffs total was 773, and that of the Association 765.

The *Shanghai Courier* hears on good authority that two attaches of the Chinese Legation in the United States have been discharged from their positions because they have cut off their queues and wear European clothes. One of the officers is the well-known Yang Wing. When they received their notice of dismissal they were told by His Excellency, Cheng, that until their 'tails' were renewed they must not expect 'tails' for wages.

The Minister of State for communications in Japan has empowered special sanitary officials to open letters which are believed to be capable of transmitting cholera germs. This is really running precaution into the ground; the sanitary officials must be uncommonly clever if they can distinguish dangerous from harmless letters; but, to be sure, the Japanese Government has the difficulty must be to decide what letters are not capable of transmitting them. This is throwing a gate wide open to impertinent curiosity. *N. C. D. News*.

THE U.S.S. *Omaha* left Shanghai on the 10th instant for Port Hamilton en route to Hakodate. The *N. C. D. News* of the 10th instant has the following notes about the movements of the U.S. Men-of-war:—No notice that Admiral Doria has now hoisted his flag on board the *Marion*.—The U.S. S. *Marion* leaves here this week for Chefoo. The *Palos* will leave Shanghai as soon as her repairs have been effected. There will be no United States man-of-war in port when she leaves.

THE *Strait Times* of the 11th instant says:—We understand that a new line of small steamers to ply between Singapore, Muar, and Malacca, is now being established. The first of the line, the *Maya*, left Singapore on Monday last, the 10th instant. She is a comparatively old boat, and has been put on temporarily to make a beginning. She will be followed by two new boats at present being built on the Clyde, especially constructed for the Straits passenger and produce trade, which will be completed and sent out with the utmost despatch. This is a step in the right direction, and one which we have repeatedly advocated. A line of swift, comfortable, passenger steamers plying in the Straits would be a great boon to the community, and could not fail of being strongly supported.

SAYS the *N. C. D. News* of the 14th instant:—A printed letter from Mmo. L. M. Anderson, Astor House, addressed to a lady whose name appears in the Hong List, and headed 'Salisbury-Clairvaux-Park-Williams. Knowledge is Power.' The New Old Force, has come into our hands, in which Mmo. Anderson undertakes on receiving fees varying from \$2 to \$25, to answer any questions relating to the future history of the applicant. Unfortunately, Mmo. Anderson's letter was not sent until after the letter to the lady, to whom her letter is addressed went home some months ago. The questions are of vulgar fortune-telling kind, and we presume that the delay of two days which is stipulated for before an answer will be returned, is not intended to make the necessary enquiries before answering.

THE *Shanghai Courier* sees by the *Shanghai* that the price of rice in Chungking was very high last month, being about 15,000 cash per picul. The measure, however, is twice as large as those used here. Just now rice is a little cheaper, and eight or nine thousand cash per picul are paid. In former years, rice was very abundant in the Province of Szechuen, but at present the people there grow poppy more than rice, so that the staple article of food is not supplied by the Hankow Provinces to a great extent.

In the District of Bat, the people have formed themselves into volunteer corps of 200 persons for each ward, there being 48 wards in all. Their object is for mutual protection against the Christians, and the native converts are consequently removing and hiding themselves. The local officials have issued proclamations to quiet the people, and at the same time, ordered the soldiers to keep down any disturbance that may be created by the inhabitants.

THE Fairfield Ship-building and Engineering Company (Limited) have launched from their yard a steel twin-screw steamer of the following dimensions:—Length, 120 feet; breadth moulded, 23 feet; and depth moulded, 8 feet; and a gross tonnage of about 200 tons. This steamer is intended for the coast and river traffic in China, and has been built to the order of the Société Française d'Enterprises Coloniales. The vessel is built with an upright stem and round stern, with a single screw at each end. An awning deck extends the whole length of the vessel for sheltering the passengers, etc. On this deck is fitted a house with accommodation for first-class passengers, captain, engineers, etc. She is fitted throughout with all the necessary gear for working of cargo, etc., including steam winch, steam, and windlasses, also a lifeboat. Each propeller is driven by a set of compound inverted direct acting engines with surface condenser; low pressure cylinder is 22 inches diameter and high pressure 12 inches in diameter with a stroke of 1 foot 6 inches. The boiler is a cylindrical and tubular boiler, fired from one end. The vessel was named the *Annam*.

THE *Shanghai* of the 13th instant (according to the *N. C. D. News*) had advised from Hankow which stated that the authorities in Chungking had sent a detachment of troops to Chungking suddenly assembled in force, seized their arms and sought a quarrel with the common people. Some 300 men were killed and houses of over 400 families were destroyed or burnt. The people became thereupon enraged against the authorities and burnt the Chinese Governor's garden to the ground. The jail was destroyed and the prisoners set at liberty. Up to the present the authorities do not know where to lay hands on the escaped prisoners as no trace of the official records remains. The *Courier* of the same date states that up to the 10th instant fighting had been going on between the converts and rioters at Chungking, and that the Roman Catholic priests had escaped to the hills. Mr. Bourne and Mrs. Nichols were still in the Tao-tai's Yamen.

In a memorial by the Governor-General of Chefoo, published in the *Peking Gazette* of the 4th May and translated by the *N. C. D. News*, the following allusion is made to the now famous case of Chang Chi, the man who has just been committed to gaol by Mr. Mackenzie pending the receipt of instructions from H. E. the acting Governor:—After giving particulars of a number of arrests that were made of pirates and other bad characters, some of whom were put to death, the Memorialist goes on to state that amongst other offenders were six men, Chang A-chih, Chang Teh, Chang Si, Chang Fan-tai, Pao Hong and Tai-fan, who had been pirates for many years and were the heads of a large gang. These men heard that they would be arrested, and escaped secretly to Hongkong. Liu Pao-yin, the Taoist charged by the Memorialist with the duty of carrying out His Majesty's will, had been told by the service of an informer, put him under the charge of Chou Tai-ho, commander of the Government steamer *Tai-shin*, and sent him to Hongkong to point out the men to be arrested. The warrants and other necessary documents were sent by the *Tai-shin* for the inspection of the Hongkong authorities. First Chang A-chih was arrested, and then Chang Tai-ho in consequence of an official application made by the Governor-General at Canton. Both men are under detention by the Hongkong Government, who will only surrender them on the production of satisfactory evidence against their offences. Chang A-chih was therefore held in gaol to collect the necessary witnesses and to send them to Hongkong to appear against the offenders. When the latter have been surrendered they will duly be brought before the court.

THE *N. C. D. News* of the 9th instant says:—The *Warrior*, with a full cargo, from Hongkong, arrived at Whinchow last week in command of Captain Vincent, who has recently purchased this vessel. Captain Vincent was formerly charged recovering goods from wrecks.

STRANDING OF THE S.S. MADRAS.

News of the stranding of the British steamer *Madras*, Captain Plango, was received here late yesterday by Messrs. Stumson & Co., the Agents, from Shanghai. The telegram announcing the event is as follows:—

The *Madras* stranded on Taichow Island, probable total loss, but crew saved. Second officer and six firemen landed here (Shanghai) yesterday. Captain and remainder of crew rescued by another steamer, probably the *Chinking*, bound to Amoy.

The *Madras* was under charter to the Takasima Coal Mines Co., and was on a voyage from Nagasaki to Hongkong with a cargo of coals. She was a steamer of 1,095 tons, and was well known on this coast.

Taichow Bay is some distance below Ningpo, and the *Madras* was in all probability seeking shelter from the typhoon when she stranded, as this place is out of her regular course.

ANTI-MISSIONARY TROUBLES IN NORTH CHINA.

The *Shanghai Courier* publishes the following items:—

We have received advices from Chungking, dated the 5th instant, which are to the effect that fighting was going on between rioters and native Roman Catholic Christians, and 'several hundred' are reported to be killed. The Roman Catholic fathers have escaped to the hills. Mr. Bourne, H. B. M.'s Consular Agent, and Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are still detained at the Yamen, and are not allowed to go out. It is feared that if they did they would be maltreated and perhaps killed. The populace are enraged, trade is bad, rice, and other necessities are at their prices and to know what to do.

The *Shanghai* says that the trouble at Chungking between native Christians and the people had hardly subsided, when, on the 1st instant, the Christian converts in Kiangpoo armed themselves with weapons, and killed over 300 persons, and burnt down more than 400 houses. They also attacked and burnt the Yamen of the local Magistrate, and set free all the prisoners. The rioters are said to be marching eastward, and in consequence of this news, the shops in Hankow are closed very early at present.

JOHANN, 7th inst. Mr. Kopp, of the Scotch Bible Society, arrived here from Chin-ching (?) on the 2nd inst. The natives here are becoming troublesome, and show signs of being missionaries by throwing mud and stones at their houses. One of the oldest foreign residents was walking out the other afternoon, when he was followed by a crowd and the cry was raised to kill the foreigner. Residence here just now is not pleasant, and we are all advised to leave. Mr. Kopp was grossly insulted a couple of days ago, while trying to sell some books in the market. It is foolish of the missionaries to expose themselves in this way. They know the feeling of the people and tempt them to attack them, no doubt thinking it glorious thing to suffer martyrdom, but they never forget to send in the bill of costs to the Chinese and rave if it is not paid. 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